

would have been offended if they were all gays, but they were Catholics. As I became more and more aware of things being done, I changed my mind, and I had a bill which I knew the Legislature wanted to pass. It was a bill that would allow the state to begin investing again state funds, if they chose too, in businesses having dealings in South Africa. The Legislature wanted that bill. So I told Senator Hall that I would not only help attach his amendment about northern Ireland to my bill, I would cosponsor it so that he wouldn't be able to withdraw it, because Senator Hall had said he didn't want to jeopardize my bill. So we got the amendment attached. Then there were attacks against it, which is a fair thing to do and it is good that we had the discussion. And Senator Hall wanted to withdraw his amendment and I wouldn't let him because I was a cosponsor to the amendment and I said the amendment stays on the bill and the only way they can not pass the amendment is to kill the bill. Well, they didn't want to do that. And I said, if, despite my efforts, they pull the amendment from the bill, then I'll take my bill off the agenda. They didn't want to do that. Oh wise Senator Landis said, that since my principles were implicated, take my name off the bill, he would put his name on the bill, they could strip the amendment and it would go forth. I told him he didn't understand the nature of my principles and that could not be. We were going to do something on northern Ireland this session, and we did, and we did! I stuck by a principle and that which those who are Catholics, Irish, and supporters of those who were discriminated against in northern Ireland, for whatever reason, saw something achieved through the actions of a black man whose people have traditionally been the targets of hatred by Irish people, not all Irish people, in this country. Riots were conducted during the time after slavery and during slavery and during the early 1900's. Schools were burned down, black people were lynched at the hands of the Irish. They were set against us being told we were taking all of the jobs. They are poor, we are poor, we don't even have jobs and they are telling them you are not working because black people have got your jobs. And no black people are working, but they were used against us. Instead of going back to those collective, bitter memories, there is a present condition that I saw existing today that needs to be addressed,...

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